

CHARLIZE THERON

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Mad Max: Fury Road



The Huntsman: Winter's War

Hot on the heels of her formidable performance in *Mad Max: Fury Road*, Charlize Theron dazzles once again as a fairy tale sorceress in *The Huntsman: Winter's War*.

Charlize Theron is one of those actresses who likes to surprise us. With a string of diverse roles over her 20-year career, the Academy Award and Golden Globe winner is known for her obsessive nature in really trying to become the characters she plays. Having dropped jaws as the tough and

determined Imperator Furiosa in last year's *Mad Max: Fury Road*, almost unrecognisable with her head shaved and only one arm, for her next role she's equally as feisty but somewhat more glamorous, as she reprises her part as the wicked Queen Ravenna in *The Huntsman: Winter's War*. The film is both a prequel

She is so gorgeous in fact, it's easy to forget that last August, Theron celebrated her 40th birthday. Some actors might shy away from the subject of ageing, but in her typically ballsy manner, Theron tackles the subject head on.

"Women find their strength and power in their sexuality and sensuality through getting older and being secure within that," she says. "It's ironic that we've built the beauty world around 20-year-olds, when they have no concept about wisdom or what life is about. Women need to grow into their skin and feel confident within themselves. And I think that's such a beautiful thing."

That confidence carries over to Theron's private life, where she's clear about what she expects from her relationships. "I've never tried to appear less forceful or be less assertive in order to make a man feel more secure or feel better," she says. "I have always dreamed big and wanted to make the best of my life. I never wanted to compromise, otherwise I would not be happy."

Currently single following her break-up with actor Sean Penn, a relationship that fizzled out after a year and a half despite what appeared to be great chemistry, Theron says she's happy going solo. But would-be suitors would do well to heed her advice:

"I've always wanted a man who recognises my dreams and goals and appreciates all those aspects of my character and is confident enough in his own self not to feel threatened by that." **S**

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and a sequel to 2012's *Snow White and the Huntsman*, giving Theron another chance to play the gloriously cruel and scheming sorceress.

"I'm so happy to be part of these films that have extended and reinterpreted the original fairy tale, which is such an iconic story," explains the South African-born star. "From the beginning I loved the idea of approaching an epic and classic tale and standing it on its head a bit and exploring many different themes to that world."

With her hair the most platinum of blondes and draped in gold, Theron's look in *Winter's War* is reminiscent of her stunning Dior J'adore perfume commercials.

• *The Huntsman: Winter's War* is in cinemas on Apr 7

